

MAYOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-07 REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDERS 20-01, 20-02, 20-03, 20-04, 20-05, AND 20-06

TO: City of North Bend Employees

FROM: Mayor Rob McFarland

SUBJECT: Repeal of Executive Orders 20-01, 20-02, 20-03, 20-04, 20-05, and 20-06

DATE: March 11, 2022

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Executive Order is to repeal Executive Orders 20-01, 20-02, 20-03, 20-04, 20-05, and 20-06 which address City Hall operations during COVID.

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout Washington State as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, over the past 24 months, health experts and epidemiological modeling experts, including those at the Department of Health, the Center of Disease Control (CDC), and our state universities, have gained critical knowledge regarding the spread of COVID-19, including a better understanding of the risks associated with certain activities and the measures that can be taken to reduce those risks; and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2021, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 21-14 requiring most state employees and all healthcare/long-term care workers to be fully vaccinated (two weeks past the date of the final vaccination) by October 18, 2021 as a condition of employment, which means the employees would need to receive their final vaccination by October 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021, King County Executive Dow Constantine issued an Order requiring COVID-19 vaccination for all executive branch employees of King County by October 18, 2021 as a condition of employment; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2021, I issued Proclamation 20-06 requiring all City of North Bend

Employees to be vaccinated by October 15, 2021 and provide proof of vaccination or have received by October 15, 2022 a reasonable accommodation. Accordingly, the City has verified that all employees have either been vaccinated or have received an accommodation; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2022, Governor Inslee announced that after 11:59 p.m. on March 11, 2022, the state of Washington will lift the mandatory mask requirement except for health care workers and transit; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2022, Governor Inslee announced that proof of vaccination will no longer be required at large events (gatherings of 500 people or more); and

WHEREAS, beginning in April, 2022, the City will return to in-person City Council meetings which will take place in the City Council chambers at North Bend City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA 98045. The in-person meetings will be available for remote access and individuals desiring to participate by phone will be provided with instructions to phone into the meeting; and


WHEREAS, in light of the City's success in insuring that its employees are vaccinated or have received an accommodation and in light of the Governor's lifting of the mask mandate and proof of vaccination for large events.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, BY THE POWER VESTED IN HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ORDER AND DIRECT:

Section 1. Rescinding of Executive Orders: I hereby rescind effective immediately the following Executive Orders:

- 20-01 Declaring an Emergency related to COVID-19
- 20-02 Closing of Parks and Active Recreation Areas
- 20-03 Wages and Benefits During Stay Home Stay Healthy Order
- 20-04 Human Resources Services and Recruitment of Financial Analyst
- 20-05 Use of Playgrounds and Recreational Areas
- 20-06 Mandatory Vaccination and Masking Directive

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2022.


Rob McFarland
Mayor, City of North Bend